

REMARKS

Claims 7-9 and 11 are pending in the present application. Claim 7 is amended by way of this response. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments (e.g., see ¶ 0017). Entry of the amendments and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

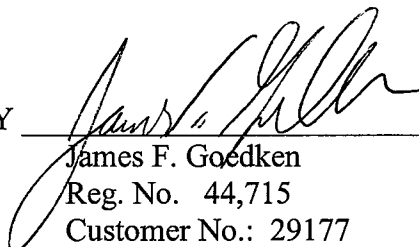
Claims 7-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bae* (US Pub. 2004/0203496) in view of *Kubo* (U.S. Pat. 5,883,966) in view of *Bank* (US Pub. 2003/0059069) and further in view of *Mori* (US Pat. 6,539,208). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Specifically, the prior art, alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest “a bending wave loudspeaker comprising a plate-like element and a display window for emitting audible signals” as currently claimed. *Bae*, *Kubo*, *Bank*, and *Mori*, alone and in combination, fail to teach this element.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any additional fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account no. 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket no. (117393-026) on the account statement.

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